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HIGHLIGHTS

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in North Carolina dropped from 4.7 percent in April to 4.3 in May. The state was below the national rate of 6.1 for May. Over the year, May 1986 - May 1987, North Carolina's unemployment rate declined from 5.7 to 4.3.

Both employment and unemployment, after seasonal adjustments, declined over the month. Employment decreased by 11,000, and the number of jobless persons dropped by 16,000. Employment increased by 133,000 over the year, while unemployment decreased by 39,000. The civilian labor force was down by 27,000 workers for the month, but increased about three percent over the year.

The number of weeks claimed for unemployment insurance benefits dropped by 9,249 for May 1987. The largest decrease in the manufacturing sector was in the apparel industry (-865). In nonmanufacturing, weeks claimed by construction workers was down 2,115, while the number decreased by 1,140 in trade.

Individuals placed in jobs through the Employment Security Commission totaled 11,052 in May 1987, 723 more than in April. The largest number, 8,148,was placed in processing occupations, and 5,279 were placed in manufacturing industries. In nonmanufacturing, 2,173 placements were made in services.

There was an increase of 2,600 (+0.4 percent) production workers from April 1987 to May 1987. The largest increases occurred in the textile industry, +700; apparel, +600; and in electrical machinery, +500. From a year ago the number of production workers grew by 12,600 (+1.9 percent). Textiles gained 6,700, and furniture saw an increase of 2,400.

In the published industries, production workers in the tobacco industry were paid the highest average weekly earnings, $593.54. Workers in the paper industry were the next highest paid at $496.59. The shortest workweek was in the apparel industry where production workers averaged 37.7 hours per week. In the nonmanufacturing industries, the highest nonsupervisory wage earners were in communications and public utilities averaging $518.64 a week.

Employment Status of the North Carolina Civilian Population

May 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: December 1986 through May 1987					
	May 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,747	4,792	4,802	4,809	4,816	4,822	4,829
Civilian Labor Force	3,146	3,221	3,271	3,290	3,264	3,267	3,240
Participation Rate 1/	66.3	67.2	68.1	68.4	67.8	67.8	67.1
Employed	2,968	3,048	3,115	3,122	3,107	3,112	3,101
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	62.5	63.6	64.9	64.9	64.5	64.5	64.2
Unemployed	178	173	156	168	157	155	139
Unemployment Rate	5.7	5.4	4.8	5.1	4.8	4.7	4.3
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: March 1987 through May 1987		
	May 1986	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	4,747	4,816	4,822	4,829
Civilian Labor Force	3,156	3,239	3,226	3,250
Participation Rate 1/	66.5	67.3	66.9	67.3
Employed	2,984	3,079	3,086	3,114
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	62.9	63.9	64.0	64.5
Unemployed	172	160	140	136
Unemployment Rate	5.4	4.9	4.3	4.2
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	1.8	2.3	1.7	INA*

* Information not available.

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Employment Status of the United States Civilian Population

May 1987

(Numbers in Thousands)

Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: December 1986 through May 1987					
	May 1986	Dec. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,311	181,547	181,827	181,998	182,179	182,344	182,533
Civilian Labor Force	117,587	118,586	119,034	119,349	119,222	119,335	119,993
Participation Rate 1/	65.2	65.3	65.5	65.6	65.4	65.4	65.7
Employed	109,165	110,637	111,011	111,382	111,368	111,835	112,447
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.5	60.9	61.1	61.2	61.1	61.3	61.6
Unemployed	8,422	7,949	8,023	7,967	7,854	7,500	7,546
Unemployment Rate	7.2	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	6.3	6.3
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	INA*

Not Seasonally Adjusted	Reference Month: Previous Year	Time Series Data: March 1987 through May 1987		
	May 1986	Mar. 1987	Apr. 1987	May 1987
Civilian Noninstitutional Population	180,311	182,179	182,344	182,533
Civilian Labor Force	117,199	118,353	118,347	119,695
Participation Rate 1/	65.0	65.0	64.9	65.6
Employed	109,041	110,229	111,041	112,377
Employment-Population Ratio 2/	60.5	60.5	60.9	61.6
Unemployed	8,158	8,124	7,306	7,318
Unemployment Rate	7.0	6.9	6.2	6.1
Insured Unemployment Rate 3/	2.6	3.0	2.6	INA*

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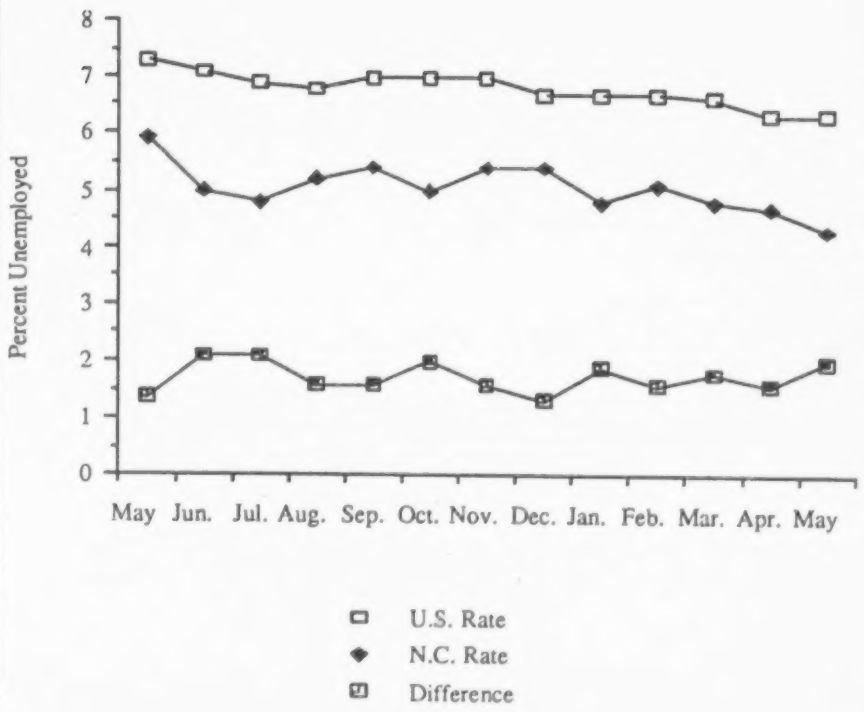

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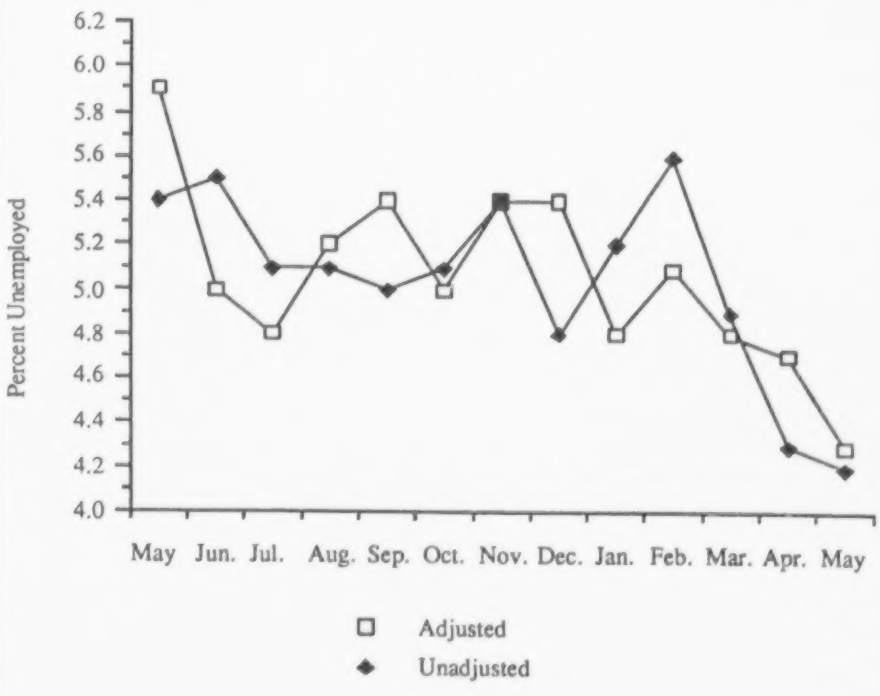
(Adjusted and Unadjusted)



Industry Employment in North Carolina

May 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:			
	May 1987	Apr.* 1987	May* 1986	April 1987 Net	April 1987 Percent	May 1986 Net	May 1986 Percent
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,250.3	3,225.5	3,156.0	+ 24.8	+ 0.8	+ 94.3	+ 3.0
Unemployment, Total	135.9	140.0	171.5	- 4.1	- 2.9	- 35.6	- 20.8
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.2	4.3	5.4	- 0.1	----	- 1.2	----
Employment, Total	3,114.4	3,085.5	2,984.5	+ 28.9	+ 0.9	+ 129.9	+ 4.4
(Seasonally Adjusted)							
Civilian Labor Force 2/	3,240.0	3,267.0	3,146.0	- 27.0	- 0.8	+ 94.0	+ 3.0
Unemployment, Total	139.0	155.0	178.0	- 16.0	- 10.3	- 39.0	- 21.9
Percent of Civilian Labor Force	4.3	4.7	5.7	- 0.4	----	- 1.4	----
Employment, Total	3,101.0	3,112.0	2,968.0	- 11.0	- 0.4	+ 133.0	+ 4.5
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,816.5	2,805.9	2,721.7	+ 10.6	+ 0.4	+ 94.8	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	845.5	842.8	829.8	+ 2.7	+ 0.3	+ 15.7	+ 1.9
Durable Goods	342.3	341.5	338.0	+ 0.8	+ 0.2	+ 4.3	+ 1.3
Lumber & Wood Products	37.2	37.7	37.9	- 0.5	- 1.3	- 0.7	- 1.8
Furniture & Fixtures	87.9	87.4	84.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.6	+ 3.4	+ 4.0
Stone, Clay & Glass	21.3	21.3	20.5	0.0	0.0	+ 0.8	+ 3.9
Primary Metals	11.2	11.1	11.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.9	- 0.1	- 0.9
Fabricated Metals	26.8	26.5	26.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.1	+ 0.1	+ 0.4
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.4	56.4	56.3	0.0	0.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Electrical Machinery	59.2	59.0	60.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	- 1.3	- 2.1
Transportation Equipment	25.0	25.0	23.5	0.0	0.0	+ 1.5	+ 6.4
Other Durable Goods 3/	17.3	17.1	16.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.2	+ 0.5	+ 3.0

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Industry Employment in North Carolina

May 1987 1/

(Seasonally Adjusted)

(Numbers in Thousands)

Classification	Total Employment			Change From:					
	May 1987	Apr.* 1987	May* 1986	April 1987 Net	April 1987 Percent		May 1986 Net	May 1986 Percent	
Nondurable Goods	503.2	501.3	491.8	+ 1.9	+	0.4	+ 11.4	+	2.3
Food & Kindred Products	47.2	47.4	46.8	- 0.2	-	0.4	+ 0.4	+	0.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.3	24.9	26.1	+ 0.4	+	1.6	- 0.8	-	3.1
Textile Mill Products	217.1	216.4	209.8	+ 0.7	+	0.3	+ 7.3	+	3.5
Apparel & Other Textile Products	91.1	90.2	88.4	+ 0.9	+	1.0	+ 2.7	+	3.1
Paper & Allied Products	22.0	21.9	21.8	+ 0.1	+	0.5	+ 0.2	+	0.9
Printing & Publishing	28.2	28.1	27.2	+ 0.1	+	0.4	+ 1.0	+	3.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.3	37.3	37.7	0.0		0.0	- 0.4	-	1.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.6	30.9	29.7	- 0.3	-	1.0	+ 0.9	+	3.0
Other Nondurable Goods 4/	4.4	4.2	4.3	+ 0.2	+	4.8	+ 0.1	+	2.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,971.0	1,963.1	1,891.9	+ 7.9	+	0.4	+ 79.1	+	4.2
Mining	4.8	4.8	4.7	0.0		0.0	+ 0.1	+	2.1
Construction	164.5	164.8	155.4	- 0.3	-	0.2	+ 9.1	+	5.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	134.5	134.6	132.8	- 0.1	-	0.1	+ 1.7	+	1.3
Transportation, exc. Railroad	73.2	73.4	72.8	- 0.2	-	0.3	+ 0.4	+	0.6
Comm. & Elec., Gas & San. Ser.	57.2	57.1	55.4	+ 0.1	+	0.2	+ 1.8	+	3.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	628.6	625.4	605.9	+ 3.2	+	0.5	+ 22.7	+	3.7
Wholesale Trade	145.3	144.5	143.1	+ 0.8	+	0.6	+ 2.2	+	1.5
Retail Trade	483.3	480.9	462.8	+ 2.4	+	0.5	+ 20.5	+	4.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	126.6	125.1	117.4	+ 1.5	+	1.2	+ 9.2	+	7.8
Service & Miscellaneous 5/	473.8	471.7	450.2	+ 2.1	+	0.4	+ 23.6	+	5.2
Total Government	438.2	436.7	425.5	+ 1.5	+	0.3	+ 12.7	+	3.0
Federal	52.7	52.8	52.0	- 0.1	-	0.2	+ 0.7	+	1.3
State	127.1	126.8	122.9	+ 0.3	+	0.2	+ 4.2	+	3.4
Local	258.4	257.1	250.6	+ 1.3	+	0.5	+ 7.8	+	3.1
All Other Nonag. Employment 6/	256.0	254.7	243.3	+ 1.3	+	0.5	+ 12.7	+	5.2
Agriculture	55.6	49.6	59.7	+ 6.0	+	12.1	- 4.1	-	6.9

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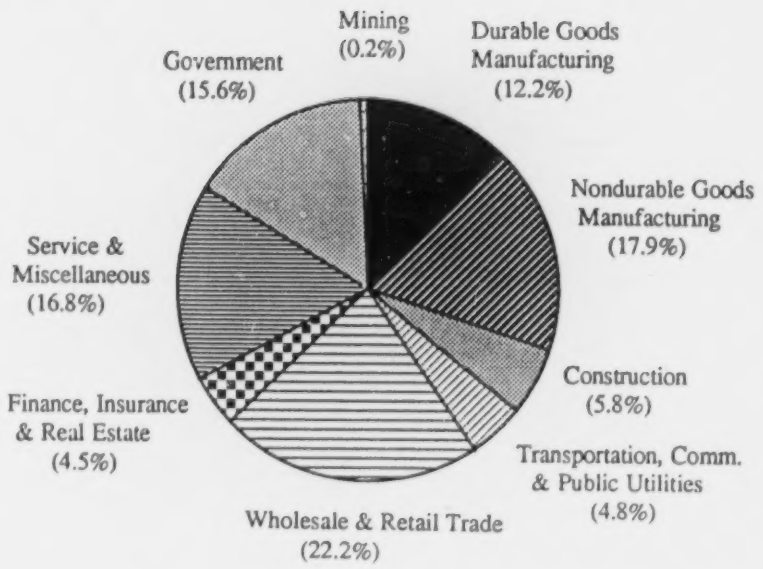

Employment Levels in Major Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

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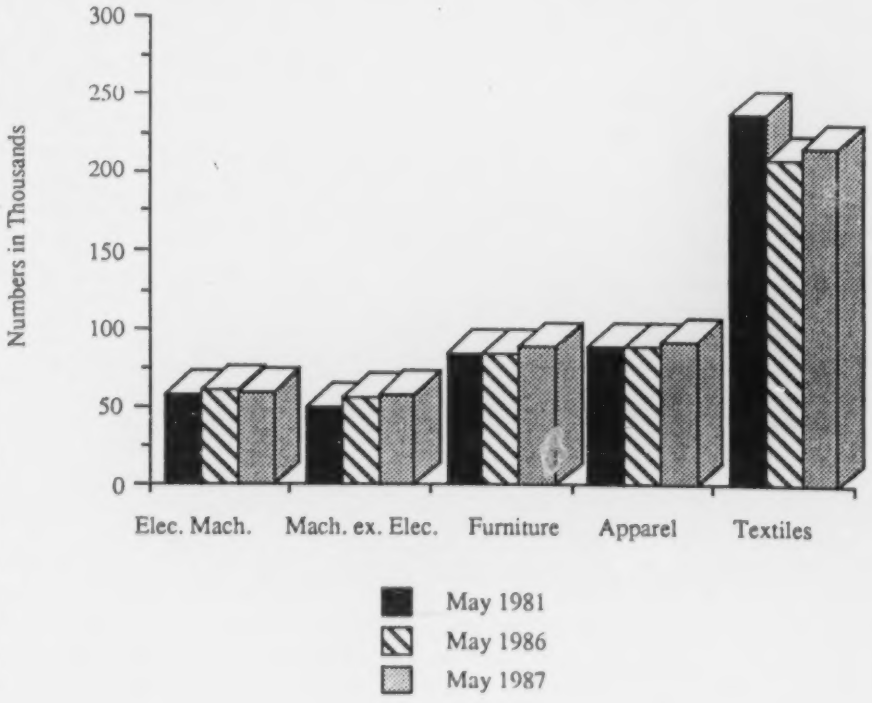

Insured Unemployment in North Carolina: Claims Taking Activities by Major Industry Sector 1/

May 1987

Industry of Primary Attachment	Insured Employment	Weeks Claimed: Weekly Total	% of Insured Employment	Change From Previous Month: Numerical	Change From Previous Month: Percent
Total All Industries	2,635,144	35,446	1.3	- 9,249	- 20.7
Manufacturing Total	826,984	16,274	2.0	- 3,248	- 16.6
Food Products	46,964	818	1.7	- 455	- 35.7
Tobacco	24,487	1,139	4.7	- 219	- 16.1
Textile Products	212,454	4,120	1.9	- 349	- 7.8
Apparel Products	85,020	3,231	3.8	- 865	- 21.1
Lumber and Wood	37,750	865	2.3	- 312	- 26.5
Furniture and Fixtures	84,020	1,239	1.5	+ 126	+ 11.3
Paper and Allied	21,898	188	0.9	- 32	- 14.5
Printing and Publishing	27,548	237	0.9	- 45	- 16.0
Chemicals and Allied	38,191	268	0.7	- 64	- 19.3
Rubber and Plastics	30,616	517	1.7	- 16	- 3.0
Leather Products	3,671	71	1.9	- 22	- 23.7
Stone, Clay and Glass	19,990	284	1.4	- 119	- 29.5
Primary and Fabricated Metals	37,331	638	1.7	- 89	- 12.2
Nonelectrical Machinery	56,626	706	1.2	- 225	- 24.2
Electrical and Electronic Machinery	59,726	1,233	2.1	- 415	- 25.2
Transportation Equipment	23,200	431	1.9	- 102	- 19.1
Other Manufacturing 2/	17,492	289	1.7	- 45	- 13.5
Construction	154,537	4,439	2.9	- 2,115	- 32.3
Transportation, Comm. and Utilities	127,984	1,045	0.8	- 162	- 13.4
Trade	610,799	5,347	0.9	- 1,140	- 17.6
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	114,444	713	0.6	- 136	- 16.0
Services	408,347	3,154	0.8	- 592	- 15.8
State Government	111,840	332	0.3	- 435	- 56.7
Local Government	251,799	635	0.3	- 669	- 51.3
Other 3/	-----	3,507	---	- 752	- 17.7

1/ These include new and additional claims. Additional claims are claims which are reopened during the course of an established benefit year.

2/ "Other Manufacturing" includes Petroleum Refining, Instruments and Miscellaneous Manufacturing.

3/ "Other" includes persons who filed but did not establish a benefit year due to insufficient industry attachment and/or the lack of determination of industry attachment; it also includes Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Mining industry employees.

Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

May 1987 1/

Occupational Categories and Divisions	Total Individuals Placed 2/	Total Individuals Placed In Regular Jobs 2/, 3/	Agriculture, Forestry & Fishery	Mining	Construction
Total	11,052	10,676	621	11	1,249
Professional, Technical & Managerial Occupations	320	320	2	1	8
Clerical Occupations	1,250	1,217	2	2	38
Sales Occupations	412	402	1	0	2
Domestic Service Occupations	180	121	4	0	1
Other Service Occupations	1,742	1,717	1	0	18
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishery & Related Occupations	908	680	585	0	8
Processing Occupations	8,148	848	9	0	2
Machine Trade Occupations	1,471	1,469	5	0	55
Benchwork Occupations	1,913	1,901	0	2	7
Structural Work Occupations	1,679	1,631	9	2	1,073
Motor Freight & Transportation Occupations	287	269	4	0	38
Packaging & Materials Handling Occupations	1,970	1,792	22	4	32
Miscellaneous Occupations	52	50	0	0	2

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Individuals Placed in Jobs by the Employment Security Commission Occupational Categories and Industrial Divisions

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Manufac-turing	Transportation & Utilities	Wholesale & Retail Trade	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	Services	Public Administration	Government
5,279	391	1,918	200	2,173	293	541
60	8	47	5	123	68	117
246	86	377	74	384	82	135
6	2	334	15	44	0	5
0	0	6	0	110	0	13
108	43	683	73	797	62	151
11	1	9	19	53	12	13
785	0	29	0	34	0	0
1,284	10	52	0	77	2	8
1,673	2	42	0	183	12	3
372	25	39	7	148	38	52
32	66	86	0	42	10	19
1,127	148	285	6	234	3	4
10	5	4	1	24	4	28

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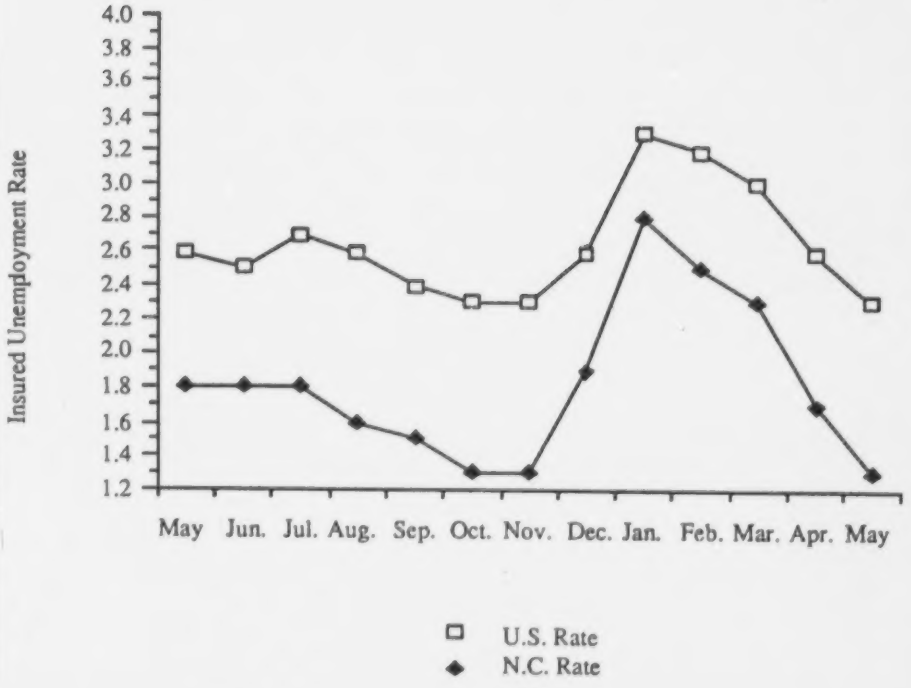

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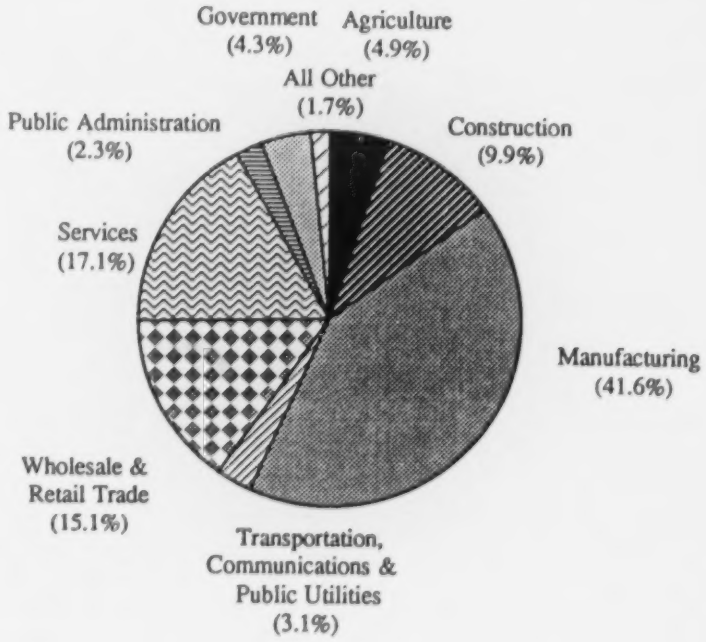

APPENDIX

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

Average Weekly Earnings, Hours and Hourly Earnings of Selected Production and Non-Supervisory Workers in North Carolina

Detailed Industry Employment (not seasonally adjusted) in North Carolina May 1987 1/ (Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Total Employment May 1987	Apr.* 1987	May 1986	Percent Change From: Apr. 1987	May 1986
Total Nonagricultural Employment	2,823.1	2,808.1	2,727.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Manufacturing	844.0	840.5	828.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
Durable Goods	341.6	340.5	337.3	+ 0.3	+ 1.3
Lumber and Wood Products	37.5	37.5	38.2	0.0	- 1.8
Furniture and Fixtures	87.6	87.7	84.2	- 0.1	+ 4.0
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	21.4	21.2	20.5	+ 0.9	+ 4.4
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.1	11.3	+ 0.9	- 0.9
Fabricated Metal Products	26.8	26.4	26.7	+ 1.5	+ 0.4
Machinery, exc. Electrical	56.4	56.2	56.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	58.7	58.2	60.0	+ 0.9	- 2.2
Transportation Equipment	25.1	25.2	23.6	- 0.4	+ 6.4
Other Durable Goods 2/	17.0	17.0	16.5	0.0	+ 3.0
Nondurable Goods	502.3	500.0	490.6	+ 0.5	+ 2.4
Food and Kindred Products	46.7	46.6	46.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.9
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.5	23.0	24.2	+ 2.2	- 2.9
Textile Mill Products	218.0	217.3	210.7	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
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Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	31.1	31.1	30.1	0.0	+ 3.3
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.3	4.3	- 2.3	+ 2.3
Nonmanufacturing	1,979.1	1,967.6	1,899.9	+ 0.6	+ 4.2
Mining	4.9	4.8	4.8	+ 2.1	+ 2.1
Construction	166.0	163.2	156.8	+ 1.7	+ 5.9
Transportation and Public Utilities	134.2	133.8	132.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
Transportation, exc. Railroad	72.8	72.8	72.5	0.0	+ 0.4
Comm. and Electric, Gas, and San. Ser.	57.3	56.9	55.5	+ 0.7	+ 3.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	627.1	619.2	604.2	+ 1.3	+ 3.8
Wholesale Trade	143.8	143.1	141.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.5
Retail Trade	483.3	476.1	462.5	+ 1.5	+ 4.5
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	126.3	124.5	117.2	+ 1.4	+ 7.8
Service and Miscellaneous 4/	475.2	473.1	451.5	+ 0.4	+ 5.2
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	28.0	26.6	27.3	+ 5.3	+ 2.6
Total Government	445.3	449.0	432.9	- 0.8	+ 2.9
Federal	52.6	52.6	52.0	0.0	+ 1.2
State	126.3	131.3	122.3	- 3.8	+ 3.3
Local	266.4	265.0	258.6	+ 0.5	+ 3.0

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2/ This category includes Instruments & Related Products and Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries.

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4/ This category includes Services, except Domestic, Agricultural Services; Forestry and Fisheries.

Average Earnings and Hours in North Carolina 1/

May 1987 2/

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1987	Apr.* 1987	May* 1986	May 1987	Apr.* 1987	May* 1986	May 1987	Apr.* 1987	May* 1986
MANUFACTURING	$319.76	$312.29	$304.56	41.1	40.4	40.5	$ 7.78	$ 7.73	$ 7.52
DURABLE GOODS	330.86	328.02	315.06	41.1	40.9	40.6	8.05	8.02	7.76
Lumber & Wood Products	280.30	272.03	267.73	41.1	40.3	41.0	6.82	6.75	6.53
Furniture & Fixtures	278.00	279.97	261.67	39.1	39.6	38.2	7.11	7.07	6.85
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	368.51	358.66	339.83	42.8	41.9	41.8	8.61	8.56	8.13
Primary Metal Industries	402.12	384.99	376.85	43.9	42.4	42.2	9.16	9.08	8.93
Fabricated Metal Industries	359.35	353.33	332.92	41.4	40.8	40.6	8.68	8.66	8.20
Machinery, exc. Electrical	383.13	383.49	350.69	43.0	42.8	41.6	8.91	8.96	8.43
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	371.01	368.74	371.39	41.5	41.2	42.3	8.94	8.95	8.78
Transportation Equipment	371.94	360.80	359.11	42.9	42.1	42.7	8.67	8.57	8.41
NONDURABLE GOODS	312.01	302.76	298.49	41.0	40.1	40.5	7.61	7.55	7.37
Food & Kindred Products	274.01	261.58	276.17	39.2	37.8	40.2	6.99	6.92	6.87
Tobacco Manufacturers	593.54	554.44	571.34	39.1	36.5	38.5	15.18	15.19	14.84
Textile Mill Products	290.86	283.71	272.00	42.4	41.6	41.4	6.86	6.82	6.57
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	202.45	197.95	198.60	37.7	37.0	37.9	5.37	5.35	5.24
Paper & Allied Products	496.59	491.87	492.12	44.9	43.8	43.9	11.06	11.23	11.21
Printing & Publishing	361.70	349.27	344.40	40.1	39.2	40.0	9.02	8.91	8.61
Chemicals & Allied Products	434.84	438.18	407.53	42.3	42.5	41.5	10.28	10.31	9.82
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Prod.	399.49	376.25	376.58	41.7	40.5	40.8	9.58	9.29	9.23
MINING	396.48	378.25	404.27	46.7	44.5	48.3	8.49	8.50	8.37
COMM. & ELEC., GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	518.64	517.83	486.72	42.2	42.1	41.6	12.29	12.30	11.70
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	208.66	209.93	203.72	32.4	32.7	32.7	6.44	6.42	6.23
Wholesale Trade	331.50	333.17	323.51	39.7	39.9	39.5	8.35	8.35	8.19
Retail Trade	175.41	176.53	171.19	30.4	30.7	30.9	5.77	5.75	5.54
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	148.97	148.10	139.68	31.1	30.6	30.3	4.79	4.84	4.61

* Revised.

1/ These data pertain to production workers in selected manufacturing industries and non-supervisory employees in selected nonmanufacturing industries.

2/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

Production Workers in Selected Manufacturing Industries in North Carolina

May 1987 1/

(Numbers in Thousands)

Industry	Number of Production Workers			Percent Change From:	
	May 1987	Apr.* 1987	May 1986	Apr. 1987	May 1986
Manufacturing	668.4	665.8	655.8	+ 0.4	+ 1.9
Durable Goods	257.5	256.7	255.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.8
Lumber and Wood Products	31.9	31.9	32.7	0.0	- 2.4
Furniture and Fixtures	76.5	76.7	74.1	- 0.3	+ 3.2
Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	17.3	17.0	16.6	+ 1.8	+ 4.2
Primary Metal Industries	8.2	8.2	8.4	0.0	- 2.4
Fabricated Metal Products	20.1	19.8	19.9	+ 1.5	+ 1.0
Machinery, exc. Electrical	28.4	28.3	28.8	+ 0.4	- 1.4
Electrical and Electronic Equipment	42.2	41.7	43.4	+ 1.2	- 2.8
Transportation Equipment	20.3	20.4	19.1	- 0.5	+ 6.3
Nondurable Goods	410.8	409.1	400.4	+ 0.4	+ 2.6
Food and Kindred Products	33.0	33.0	32.8	0.0	+ 0.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.1	17.7	18.1	+ 2.3	0.0
Textile Mill Products	192.8	192.1	186.1	+ 0.4	+ 3.6
Apparel and Other Textile Products	79.2	78.6	77.3	+ 0.8	+ 2.5
Paper and Allied Products	16.4	16.5	16.3	- 0.6	+ 0.6
Printing and Publishing	17.6	17.6	16.7	0.0	+ 5.4
Chemicals and Allied Products	24.5	24.4	24.8	+ 0.4	- 1.2
Rubber and Misc. Plastics Products	25.6	25.6	24.6	0.0	+ 4.1
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.7	3.6	3.6	+ 2.8	+ 2.8

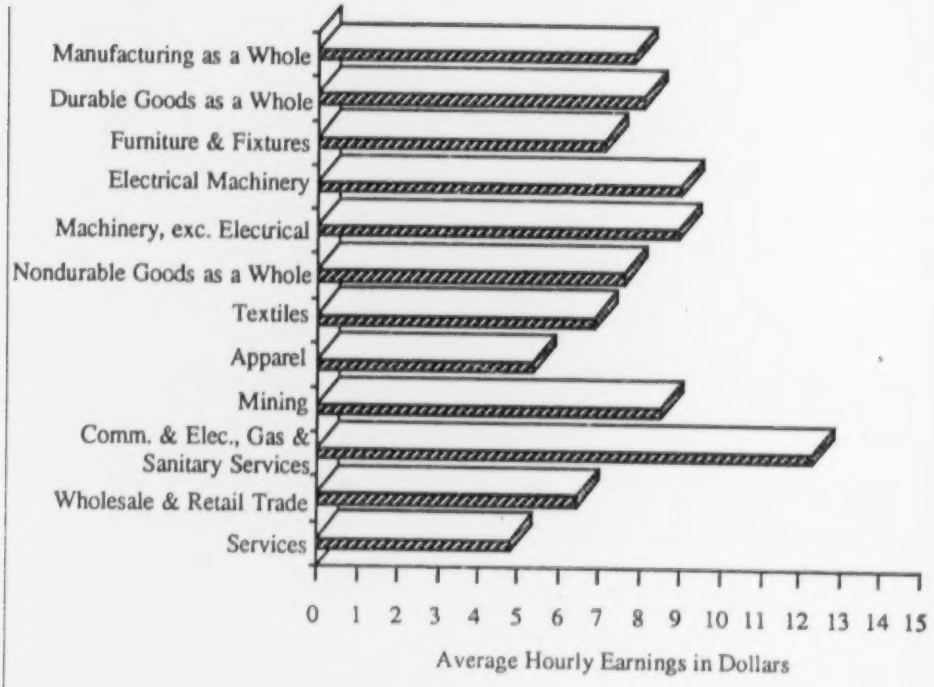
* Revised.

1/ Data for the current month are preliminary.

2/ This category includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

Average Hourly Earnings by Major Industry Sectors in North Carolina

May 1987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Mining
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Average Hourly Earnings in Dollars

Average Hourly Earnings in Durable Goods Industries Compared to the North Carolina Average

May 1987